a top-belt panel <u>composed</u> of an inextensible material <u>and</u> sealed to said bottom-chest panel to form a gas tight bladder chamber having an opening to receive compressed gas, [and]

the bottom-chest panel and the top-belt panel forming a radially extensible bellows.

[at least one band attached at opposite ends to said top-belt panel, where the band and the top-belt panel form an opening to receive the belt.]

7. (amended) The vest of claim 6, wherein said panels of the [removable] bladder are made of nylon fabric double coated with polyurethane.

B3

8. (amended) The vest of claim 6, wherein the width of said [top-chest panel] <u>bladder</u> is at least two inches greater than [a] <u>the</u> width of the belt [where the belt overlaps the bladder].

Remarks

Claims 6 through 8 remain pending in the application.

Claims 6 through 9 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter not described in the specification. Applicant has deleted the terms "band" and "bands" from claim 6 as they were not described in the specification. Applicant believes that this amendment overcomes the Section 112 rejection of the claims.